

MINUTES OF THE
WORK SESSION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON
December 4, 2006

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled work session at the John Robert Kernodle Senior Activities Center on December 4, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Ross, Councilmembers Jones, Huffman and Starling.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Wall

Harold Owen, City Manager, present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney, present

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk, present

Other Staff Present: Bob Harkrader, Jennifer Smith, Jim Lauritsen and Linda Hollifield

Media Present: Tomas Murawski, Alamance News, and Bob Boyer, Times-News

Others Present: Allen Gant, Harold Hill, Hal Bates and Chan Chandler, Glen Raven, Inc.

A) Glen Raven, Inc.

Mr. Allen Gant, President, Glen Raven, Inc., shared information about facilities locally and abroad. Mr. Gant said a new plant was recently built in China not because of the labor force but because of the market. He stated that it was easy to do business in China.

Mr. Harold Hill, Glen Raven, Inc., stated that the factories develop products but that the company was like a marketing company, market focused. He said that Glen Raven paid \$1.25 million in property taxes to Burlington and Alamance County last year. Payroll for Glen Raven employees in Alamance County last

year was \$27,500,000. Mr. Hill said he was thankful for a community with water but that Glen Raven wanted it competitively priced. He pointed out that Glen Raven was headquartered in Burlington but was running in a global economy. Mr. Hill listed the following Glen Raven local needs:

- Competitively priced services
- Safe environment
- World-class education facilities
- Positive community outlook
- Favorable tax rates

Mr. Gant shared two thoughts:

- He hopes to see a deeper synergy that could be profitable for the City and Glen Raven (i.e., a crisis plan, Information Technology backup, etc.)
- To attract energy or make traditional energy grow and have an environment that is conducive to business. He said that he had a deep concern that North Carolina was losing a competitive strategy.

Mr. Gant closed by saying Glen Raven had invested in the community and would continue to do so.

B) Questions Concerning City Council Agenda

City Manager Owen asked if there were questions concerning the agenda, and there was no response.

Mr. Owen said that Councilmember Wall was not present due to a conflicting school board meeting.

Mr. Owen said that a representative from Atlas Electric would be present at the January 8, 2007, work session.

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Mr. Owen announced that the auditors would be making a presentation at the January 2007 work session.

Mr. Owen said that staff would bring information concerning boarding houses and requests from Beverly Hills Neighborhood Association at the February 2007 work session.

C) Resignation & Appointment - Historic Preservation Commission

Public Information Officer Jennifer Smith distributed applications for appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Housing Commission.

The consensus was to appoint Joseph Kalo to the Historic Preservation Commission and to appoint Carolyn Forrester to the Housing Commission.

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Starling, it was resolved unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(3).

CLOSED SESSION WAS HELD.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Starling, seconded by Councilmember Huffman, it was resolved unanimously to adjourn.

Jondeen D. Terry
City Clerk